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Security Council

Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Informal meeting (closed)	Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

3 p.m.	47th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7 (NLB)

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2012 substantive session

Working Group of the Whole

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1 (NLB)
3–5 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1 (NLB)

[Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee Members and observers on the Web site of the Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).]

[Members and observers of the Special Committee who will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C, fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.]

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General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

There will be an informal meeting of the plenary on the most efficient modalities for the intergovernmental follow-up process of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development, on Wednesday, 29 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

The initial list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), will be established by a drawing of lots, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011. A special meeting for this purpose will be held toward the end of March 2012, at a time and venue to be announced in the *Journal of the United Nations*.

Delegations are therefore requested to inform the Secretariat of the level of their participation at the debate in the plenary of the Conference in writing and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A), *no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, 9 March 2012*.

A detailed note, dated 31 January 2012, concerning the procedures to be followed for establishing the list of speakers for the plenary meetings was sent to the e-mail addresses of all permanent missions and delegations.

For further information, please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September.

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/67/50.

A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

General Assembly

Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

Working Group of the Whole

10 a.m.	Closed meeting Peaceful settlement of disputes Repertory/Repertoire	Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Plenary

Morning[1]–1 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2 (NLB)

[1]To be held following the meeting of the Working Group of the Whole.

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (NLB)
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (NLB)

1. United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus
2. Executive meeting
3. Proposals for a more effective and efficient utilization of resources for air travel

Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters

Fifty-seventh session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5 (NLB)
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Economic and Social Council

Briefing

There will be a briefing of the Economic and Social Council *today*, 24 February 2012, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), on the preparations for the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. The briefing will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Hazem Fahmy, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail fahmyh@un.org; tel. (212) 963-5900).

Commission on the Status of Women
Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Eliminating maternal mortality and morbidity through the empowerment of women", convened by the delegation of the United States, will be held *today*, 24 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Women, the girl child and HIV and AIDS", convened by the delegation of Angola (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)), will be held *today*, 24 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Indigenous women: Key actors in poverty and hunger eradication", convened by the delegations of Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Ecuador, El Salvador and Mexico, will be held *today*, 24 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

Other meetings

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Friday, 24 February 2012

Eastern European Group (monthly meeting)

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room C (NLB)
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room C (NLB)

Group of Asia-Pacific States (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Group of Interested States on the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia

3–5 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Other activities

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Briefing on "The Secretary-General's High-level Group on Sustainable Energy for All" (by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)) (organized by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG))

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations staff and representatives of accredited non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Jonas von Freiesleben, EOSG (e-mail freiesleben@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1660). Further information on the initiative, including the Secretary-General's Vision Statement and the High-level Group's Framework for Action document, can be found at <www.un.org/en/sefa> or <www.sustainableenergyforall.org>.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.shtml>

Friday, 24 February 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon — Press briefing by the Spokesperson [*Guest*: Mr. Vijay Nambiar, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Myanmar]

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The first resumed part of the sixty-sixth session of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly will begin on Monday, 5 March 2012. Unless otherwise indicated, all formal meetings of the Committee will now be held in Conference Room 2 (NLB). The status of preparedness of documentation will be issued in document A/C.5/66/L.28.

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including an advance copy of the status of documentation, as well as the tentative and provisional programme of work, is available at <www.un.org/en/ga/fifth/>.

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

The Preparatory Committee will hold its first round of informal informal negotiations on the zero draft of the outcome document from Monday, 19 March, to Friday, 23 March 2012, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The zero draft of the outcome document is available on the Rio+20 Web site <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. Member States are requested to send their written amendments to chapters III, IV and V of the zero draft of the outcome document to the Rio+20 Secretariat (e-mails tahtinen@un.org and uncsd2012@un.org), *no later than Wednesday, 29 February 2012*. Delegations are also advised that a password-protected Rio+20 e-discussion forum has been created to enable an exchange on the zero draft of the outcome document of the Conference. Delegations wishing to subscribe to the e-discussion forum are requested to contact the UNCSD secretariat (e-mail uncsd2012@un.org).

Committee on Contributions

Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Sixth session

Sierra Leone configuration

An informal meeting of the Sierra Leone configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 29 February 2012, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Economic and Social Council

Informal meeting

On Monday, 27 February 2012, the Economic and Social Council will hold a special policy dialogue on "Private philanthropic organizations in international development cooperation: New prospects and specific challenges", in preparation for its biennial Development Cooperation Forum (DCF), to be held during its 2012 substantive session. The policy dialogue will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB), and will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia).

There will be two interactive panel discussions, moderated by Mr. Matthew Bishop, U.S. Business Editor and New York Bureau Chief of *The Economist*. The first panel discussion will focus on the topic "Comparative advantages and good practices of private philanthropic organizations in achieving development results", and the second panel discussion will focus on the topic "Maximizing development impact through partnerships". Speakers will include representatives of leading private philanthropic organizations, think tanks and other stakeholders. Detailed background information is available at <www.un.org/ecosoc/dcf>.

All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Ms. Monica Nogara (e-mail nogara@un.org; tel. (212) 963-4901); or Mr. Thomas Boehler (e-mail boehler@un.org; tel. (917) 367-9452)).

Informal special event

A special event on "Breaking new ground: Partnerships for more and better jobs for young people" will be held on Monday, 27 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The meeting is organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the International Labour Organization (ILO), in collaboration with the United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP) and the United Nations Global Compact.

Opening addresses will be made by H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia), President of the Economic and Social Council, and Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, Deputy Secretary-General. Two consecutive interactive dialogues will then take place on "Innovations in promoting youth employment" and "Building new business models for youth employment". The closing session will feature addresses by Mr. Ron Bruder, Founder, Education for Employment Foundation; Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Director, Employment Sector, ILO; Mr. Badr Jafar, President, Crescent Petroleum, and CEO of Crescent Investments; and Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

All are invited to attend. Additional information on the event can be found at <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/philanthropy1/index.shtml>; or contact Mr. Ajit Yogasundram, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail yogasundram@un.org). Please note that it will be possible to join the discussion on the day of the event on Twitter, using hashtag #UN4youth.

Informal meeting

The Economic and Social Council will hold an interactive panel discussion on global governance, on Wednesday, 7 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia), and the interactive discussion will be moderated by the Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Eric Olson, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail olsone@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0013).

Briefing

The Economic and Social Council will hold a briefing on the mandates, functions and activities of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), on Wednesday, 7 March 2012, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The briefing will be conducted by the President of INCB, Professor Hamid Ghodse, and will be chaired by the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Midori Kanda, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail kandam@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3268).

Commission on the Status of Women

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Gender equality and empowerment of women in natural disaster", convened by the delegation of Japan, will be held as follows: Tuesday, 28 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB); Thursday, 1 March, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Permanent Mission of Japan (866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 230); Friday, 2 March, from 11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB); Monday, 5 March, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB); Wednesday, 7 March, from 10 to 11.15 a.m. in Conference Room A (NLB); and Thursday, 8 March, from 3 to 4.15 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Fifty-sixth session

The fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held from Monday, 27 February, to Friday, 9 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 February, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.6/2012/1 and E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1, respectively.

Additional information on the work of the Commission, including on the participation of non-governmental organizations and the list of parallel events, can be found on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm>.

List of participants and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission and observers who will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; room IN-0603C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Due to the *limited seating* available in Conference Room 4 (NLB), where the Commission will be meeting from Tuesday, 28 February, only those observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) who have informed the Secretary of the Commission of the composition of their delegations, by Thursday, 23 February 2012, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

High-level round table

The Commission will hold a high-level round table on the priority theme "The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges", on Monday, 27 February 2012, at 3 p.m., in two parallel meetings, with round table A in Conference Room 4 (NLB) and round table B in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The composition of the round tables has been posted on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm#panelA>.

Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name of the senior official expected to participate in the high-level round table to the Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; room IN-0603B; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

List of speakers and general discussion

The list of speakers is open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Catalina de Leon accordingly (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The name and functional title of the speakers would be appreciated.

The general discussion under agenda item 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century") will begin on Monday, 27 February 2012, in the morning, following the ceremonial and organizational part and keynote presentations, and will continue on Tuesday, 28 February, in the afternoon, and on Wednesday, 29 February, in the morning (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual delegations should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*.

In order to facilitate interpretation into all official languages, delegations are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services.

Informal consultations

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on draft resolutions should contact Ms. Lorna Fidler (e-mail fidler@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2398).

Statistical Commission
Forty-third session

The forty-third session of the Statistical Commission will be held from Tuesday, 28 February, to Friday, 2 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 28 February, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.3/2012/1 and E/CN.3/2012/L.1, respectively.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and to be included in the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (e-mails leong@un.org and ukabiala@un.org; room IN-0606 A; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Further information on the session can be obtained on the Web site of the Commission <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm>; or by contacting Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

For the list of side events on the occasion of the forty-third session of the Statistical Commission, please *click here*.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Criminal Court" (under agenda item 75) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Japan)

Monday, 27 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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International Criminal Court: Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties

Tuesday, 28 February 2012, from 8.45 to 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Group of Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Tuesday, 28 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Latin American and Caribbean Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 29 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Group of Friends of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (at the permanent representative level)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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UNITAR/WIPO seminar on international intellectual property

Tuesday, 28 February 2012, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 3 to 5.15 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-2525; and

Wednesday, 29 February 2012, from 9.45 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-2525.

[The seminar is open to members of permanent missions only. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/ny>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Forum on "Investing in child development and learning: Assuring equity in decent work and in sustainable development" (in preparation for the 2012 Economic and Social Council Annual Ministerial Review) (co-organized by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the International Labour Organization (ILO))

Tuesday, 28 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Vijaya Singh, UNICEF (e-mail vijsingh@unicef.org; tel. 1 (212) 303-7915) or Ms. Deborah Dishman UNICEF (e-mail ddishman@unicef.org; tel. 1 (212) 326-7440).]

Briefing and discussion on "Development perspectives post-2015" (with participants from the Expert Group Meeting to support the advancement of a post-2015 United Nations development agenda) (co-organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP))

Tuesday, 28 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations staff and representatives of accredited intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Doris Schmitz-Meiners, DESA (e-mail schmitz-meiners@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4946); or Mr. Eric Olson, DESA (e-mail olsone@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0013).]

Informative (non-technical) discussion on "Reducing short-lived pollutants to slow climate change while improving crop yields and health (organized by the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO))

Thursday, 1 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Roy S. Lee, AALCO (e-mail royslee@optonline.net; tel. 1 (203) 595-9800).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (library-training@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

News resources for the United Nations community (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 28 February 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 6 March 2012; and

Thursday, 22 March 2012.

Overview of the Legal Library (from 3 to 4 p.m.)

Tuesday, 6 March 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 8 March 2012; and

Tuesday, 27 March 2012.

Searching UNBISnet (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 13 March 2012.

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012.

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012; and

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Researching using non-United Nations databases (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, 2012

Applications for the 2012 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from Monday, 9 July, to Friday, 17 August 2012, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications has been extended until *today*, 24 February 2012.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in French this year. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme Web site <www.un.org/law/ilfp>; or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The first round of language-specific informational meetings for 2012 will be held in April, in Conference Room A (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 10 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 10 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 12 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 12 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012);

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012) <www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012);

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 23 February 2012

Security Council

6721st meeting

The situation in Timor-Leste

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (S/2012/43)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Australia, Brazil, Japan, Malaysia and New Zealand, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2012/106, submitted by Australia, Brazil, France, Germany, Guatemala, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Portugal, South Africa, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2012/106) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2012/106) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2037(2012).

After the vote, the Council heard a statement by the representative of the United Kingdom.

6722nd meeting

Women and peace and security

Report of the Secretary-General on conflict-related violence (S/2012/33)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Afghanistan, Armenia, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mexico, Nepal, Peru, the Republic of Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and Viet Nam, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Ms. Margot Wallström, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Hervé Ladsous, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Ms. Amina Megheirbi of the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to H.E. Mr. Thomas Mayr-Harting, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Council heard briefings by Ms. Wallström, Mr. Ladsous and Ms. Megheirbi.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of the United States, India, Morocco, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, Azerbaijan, Germany, France, Portugal, Pakistan, Colombia, China, Guatemala and South Africa, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Togo.

The Council heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Didier Reynders, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and European Affairs of Belgium.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Egypt, Australia and Viet Nam.

The Council heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Mayr-Harting, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations (on behalf of the European Union and its Member States; the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Armenia).

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Brazil, Switzerland (on behalf of the Human Security Network and in his national capacity), Liechtenstein, Israel, Indonesia, Italy, Nepal, the Republic of Korea, Japan, Estonia, Canada, Bangladesh, Luxembourg, Kenya, Ireland, Peru, the Syrian Arab Republic, Afghanistan, El Salvador, Mexico, Sweden (speaking on behalf of the Nordic countries — Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway), Sri Lanka, Spain, Botswana, Armenia, the Sudan, Tunisia and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Council heard a further statement by the representative of Azerbaijan.

The representative of Israel made a further statement.

The representative of Armenia made a further statement.

The Council heard a further statement by the representative of Azerbaijan.

The representative of Armenia made a further statement.

The Security Council adopted a statement by the President on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2012/3).

The Council heard a further statement by Ms. Wallström.

General Assembly

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Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/66/668/Add.4) [138]

The General Assembly took note that Palau had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter (A/66/668/Add.4).

Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal [115 (j)]

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/66/682)

(b) Report of the Internal Justice Council (A/66/664)

The General Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 92 of the rules of procedure, to vote by secret ballot to elect three judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal.

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, Ms. Rosalyn Chapman (United States of America), Mr. Jean Courtial (France) and Mr. Richard Lussick (Samoa) were elected as judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal for a seven-year term of office beginning on 1 July 2012.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (j) of agenda item 115.

United Nations reform: measures and proposals: draft resolution (A/66/L.37) [124]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 124.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/66/L.37.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Switzerland and the United States.

By 85 votes to none, with 66 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/66/L.37 (resolution 66/254).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Denmark (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Iceland; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Georgia and the Republic of Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement), Suriname (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Mexico, El Salvador, Liechtenstein, Costa Rica, Uruguay, Argentina, Canada, Norway, Chile and Guatemala.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Indonesia and Belarus.

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 124.

General Assembly

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples
Organizational meeting of the 2012 session

1st meeting

Opening of the session [1]

The Assistant Secretary-General, Department of Political Affairs, opened the meeting and read a statement on behalf of the Secretary-General.

Election of officers [2]

The Committee unanimously elected, H.E. Mr. Diego Morejon (Ecuador) Chair of the Committee, H.E. Mr. Pedro Nuñez Mosquera (Cuba) and H.E. Mr. Shekou M.Touray (Sierra Leone) as Vice-Chairs, and H.E. Mr. Bashar Ja'afari (Syrian Arab Republic) as Rapporteur.

Organization of work [3]

The Chair made a statement.

The Committee acceded to the participation in the meeting of delegates of Argentina, Azerbaijan, Liberia and Spain.

The Chair drew the Committee's attention to notes by the Secretary-General (A/AC.109/2012/L.1) and by the Chair (A/AC.109/2012/L.2) relating to organization of work.

The Chair informed the Committee of a change in the timetable for its 2012 substantive session.

The Committee, on the proposal of the Chair, adopted the proposed organization of work and timetable for its 2012 substantive session (A/AC.109/2012/L.2), as orally revised.

Statements were made by the representatives of Papua New Guinea, Cuba, Sierra Leone and Mali.

Other matters [4]

The Chair made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Geneva, 22 September 1995

Acceptance: Lesotho (22 February 2012)

Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of such Inspections. Vienna, 13 November 1997

Corrections to the text (French version) of the Agreement: (23 February 2012)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (New York, 19 December 2011)

Opening for signature

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above Protocol, which was adopted at the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations by resolution 66/138 of 19 December 2011, will be open for signature at a signing ceremony to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 28 February 2012 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters.

In accordance with its article 18 (1), the Protocol shall be open for signature by any State that has signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Rights of the Child or either of the two Optional Protocols thereto on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and on the involvement of children in armed conflict.

Certified true copies of the Protocol, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, are being printed and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible. Electronic copies of the Protocol are posted in the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site <http://treaties.un.org>.

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The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Protocol could, as necessary, provide the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters (fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

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Western European and other States:
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